(b) whether it is a fact that some time back Registration Committee of CBI did away with Repeat Registration; and

(c) if so, what warranted to the Registration Committee to introduce Repeat Registration and repeal of Repeat Registration under Section 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act, with complete details of proceedings of the Registration Committee meetings, meeting-wise held for introduction of Repeat Registration and for repeal of Repeat Registration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) Section 9(4) of the Insecticides Act, 1968, which permits the grant of repeat registration, was inserted in the Act right from its inception. However, at that time, there was provision only for regular registration under Section 9(3). In 1977, the Insecticides Act was amended, *inter alia* to insert Section 9(3B) which provides that when the Registration Committee is of the opinion that an insecticides is being introduced for the first time in India, it may, pending any enquiry register it provisionally for a period of two years on such conditions as may be specified by it. The provisional registration is granted by the Registration Committee only after *prima facie* satisfaction regarding the safety and efficacy of the insecticide concerned. The Registration Committee, therefore, decided on 20th May, 1982 to grant repeat registration for provisionally registered insecticides.

The registration under Section 9(3B) is normally for data generation with the ultimate objective of seeking regular registration under Section 9(3). With a view to exercising great caution in granting provisional registration to avoid undue spread of the insecticide whose safety and efficacy has not yet been fully proved, the Registration Committee, at its meeting held on 29-10-1985, decided to do away with repeat provisional registration.

Wastage of Fruits in Himachal Pradesh

1411. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fruits are being wasted without proper packing in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has approached the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre for the use of radiation technology for the packing of fruits to save the forest wealth in that State; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to assist the Himachal Pradesh Government to save the forest wealth and, if so, the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) A Central assistance of Rs. 10 crore has been provided in the annual plan for 1986-87 and Rs. 3.7 crore in the annual plan for 1987-88 for contributing towards equity of the company proposed to be set up for manufacture of the Corrugated Fibre Board (CFB) Cartons by the Government of Himachal Pradesh for packing fruits.

Loss incurred by Dal Mill of NCCF at Nagpur

1412. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagpur Dal Mill of NCCF and Paper Unit at Hinghna have been incurring heavy losses since 1983-84;